



- City of Fort Collins & Partners -

REDUCING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY



5,000

Number of bed
nights provided
monthly*

*Not unique visitors.

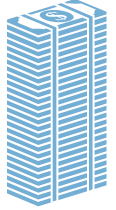
• Our Community by the Numbers •

x130 x50 x8

People served daily by the two homeless shelters

\$2.5M

Annual funding City
distributes to human
service/housing partners



\$10K

Annual City funding of
winter overflow shelters

190 **TENANTS**
in permanent
supportive housing
(majority are vouchers
for veterans)

SIX

Quarterly community conversations
about homelessness (2014-2015)

WHY NO CAMPING?



The City does not currently support camping as a solution to homelessness because it is unsafe for campers and not sustainable due to the lack of sanitary facilities such as toilets and trash receptacles.

WE SUPPORT:

- Protecting people's safety and connecting them to services they need.
- Long-term housing solutions.
- Protecting Parks/Natural Areas and flora/fauna habitat.

• What the City DOES and DOESN'T DO •

Homelessness is a community-wide issue that requires community-wide support and solutions.



- Fund/support partners
- Collaborate w/partners on overall services system
- Develop policy



- Provide direct services
- Operate or manage shelters
- Direct or manage service providers' policies/practices

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE...

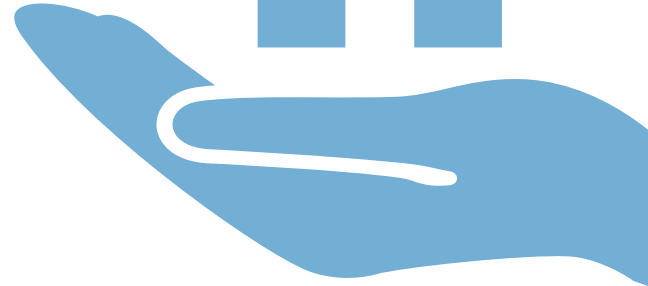
In recent years, the City has provided:



- Annual direct funding
- City property for FCHA affordable housing development
- Municipal court Special Agency Sessions (housing, jobs assistance in lieu of fines/jail)
- Murphy Center lockers
- Funding/policy for overflow shelters
- Project Homelessness Connect, Point In Time Count assistance
- Support of Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness
- Agreement with Homeward 2020 to support the goal of making homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring



NEXT STEPS



- Launching Outreach Fort Collins w/partners (May 2016):
 - Daytime street outreach program to improve sense of safety/connect those who are homeless, others with services.
- Exploring expansion/extension opportunities with existing shelters.
- Working with the community on a program like Nashville's Room In the Inn.
- Spending \$4 million in voter-approved Capital Improvement Funds over 10 years on affordable housing.



Strategic Partnerships

Among the agencies directly addressing homelessness in Fort Collins:

- Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center
- Homeless Gear
- Catholic Charities
- SummitStone Health Partners
- Neighbor to Neighbor
- Fort Collins Housing Authority
- Fort Collins Rescue Mission
- Faith Family Hospitality
(including all participating churches)
- Homelessness Prevention Initiative
(including all participating churches/sites)
- Crossroads Safehouse
- Poudre School District – McKinney-Vento
- The Matthews House
- Volunteers of America
- Rocky Mountain Human Services
- VA/Cheyenne VAMC
- Poudre River Public Library
(esp. Old Town library)
- Soaring Wings Ministries
- La Familia
- Salvation Army
- Special Agency Session
– FC Municipal Court
- Salud Family Health Centers
- Health District of Northern Larimer County
- Christ Clinic
- Disabled Resource Services
- Prevent Unwanted Pets
- Inside/Out
- Colorado ID Project
- Larimer County
(Veteran Services, Human Services, Workforce Center)



HOW TO HELP & GET HELP...

Fort Collins is a generous community that provides options for all. A broad range of free services are available to those in need, homeless or experiencing economic hardship.

Need services? Or want to help the community solve these problems?

United Way's 211 program can help! Call 211 or 407-7066.

Auxiliary aids and services are available for persons with disabilities. V/TDD: 711

DID YOU KNOW?

The City offers a Special Agency Session program with Municipal Court.

- Alternatives for people facing homelessness who have been charged with low-level offenses.
- City resource specialist assists with employment, housing and other services.
- In lieu of jail time or fines.

Learn more at:

www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability